

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A digital telecommunication station operative in a telecommunication network, the network comprising at least two different transmission paths between said telecommunication station and at least one other element in the network, each path comprising a different link between said telecommunication station and the at least one other element in the network, the telecommunication station and comprising:

at least one detector operative to receive at least two different types of signals, each associated with a different class of quality of service and to distinguish, for each received signal in its entirety, the type of signal to which it belongs-between the at least two different types of signals;

at least one switch controlled by one of said at least one detector, operative to channel signals received in accordance with the distinction made by said at least one detector;

a first transmission means operative to transmit received signals along a first one of said at least two different transmission-path paths, and to divert  
wherein, responsive to the channeling by said at least one switch, signals  
of at least one other type selected from among said at least two different types of signals

and associated with a service that requires a lower class of quality are diverted from the first transmission path; and

    a second transmission means operative to transmit the diverted signals along a second one of said at least two different transmission-path paths.

2. **(Currently Amended)** A digital telecommunication station according to Claim 1, further comprising a storage capable of storing diverted signals of said at least one type of signals.

3. **(Original)** A digital telecommunication station according to Claim 1, further comprising at least two different pairs of compressing/decompressing devices.

4. **(Original)** A digital telecommunication station according to Claim 1, wherein said signals of the at least one type to be diverted are facsimile signals.

5. **(Original)** A digital telecommunication station according to Claim 4, further comprising a device for demodulating/re-modulating said facsimile signals.

6. **(Original)** A digital telecommunication station according to Claim 5, wherein said demodulating/re-modulating device comprises facsimile signal demodulator/re-modulator and forward error correction apparatus wherein the forward error correction apparatus is operative to protect the output of the facsimile demodulator.

Claim 7 **(Cancelled)**.

8. **(Currently Amended)** A digital telecommunication station according to Claim 3 and further comprising:

first identifier for determining whether the signals received are of a digital compressed form;

second identifier for determining whether the transmission path along which the signals will be transmitted includes at least one further operative means adapted for decompressing the signals when being transmitted in their compressed form;

third transmission means operative in response to a determination made by the second identifier that the transmission path does not include at least one further operative means ~~adapted for decompressing~~ ~~configured to decompress~~ the signals when being transmitted in their compressed form; and

~~fourth~~ ~~fourth~~ transmission means operative in response to a determination made by the second identifier that the transmission path does include at least one further operative means ~~adapted for decompressing~~ ~~configured to decompress~~ the signals being transmitted in their compressed form into the decompressed digital output signals.

9. **(Original)** A telecommunication system comprising:  
at least one transmitter at at least a first end of the transmission network;  
at least one receiver at at least a second end of the transmission network;  
and  
at least one digital telecommunication station of Claim 1.

10. **(Original)** A telecommunication system comprising:

at least one transmitter at at least a first end of the transmission network;

at least one receiver at at least a second end of the transmission network;

and

at least one pair of digital telecommunication stations of Claim 3.

11. **(Original)** A telecommunication system according to Claim 10,

wherein at least one pair of telecommunication stations is selectively operated.

12. **(Original)** A telecommunication system according to Claim 9,

wherein said at least one of digital telecommunication station is capable of establishing a communication connection with more than two digital communication stations.

13. **(Currently Amended)** A method for transmission of

telecommunication signals of at least two different types each associated with a different class of quality of service between a telecommunication station and at least one other element in a network along at least two transmission paths, the transmission paths each comprising a link between the telecommunication station and the at least one other element, the method comprising:

i) determining the type to which of a plurality of types of signals each of the signals received belongs and distinguishing therefrom signals associated with at least one class of quality of service different from entire signals associated with at least one other class of quality of service;

ii) based on step i), diverting signals each entire signal associated with said at least one class of quality of service from a first one of the transmission-path paths along which signals of each entire signal associated with at least one other class of quality of service ~~are is~~ transmitted;

iii) transmitting the signals each entire signal of the at least one other class of quality of service along the first one of the transmission-path paths; and

iv) transmitting the each entire diverted signals signal along a second one of the transmission-path paths.

14. **(Currently Amended)** A method according to Claim 13, wherein the diverted signals are stored and transmitted at a later stage via said first one of the transmission-path paths.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A method according to Claim 14, wherein the diverted signals are stored in a storage means prior to their transmittal along ~~a the~~ second one of the transmission-path paths.